

**AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**POLICY FOR AWARDING GRANTS TO LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS**

Amersham Town Council makes provision to enable grant funding to be provided to local groups and organisations operating within the Amersham area.

The grant funding scheme is actively publicised to encourage local groups to request financial support for specified projects which benefit local residents.

The Council will consider applications from:

- Local Community Groups
- Voluntary Sector Organisations
- Registered Charities
- Community Interest Companies
- Social Enterprises
- Sports Clubs
- Faith Groups – although requests to support narrowly religious activities will not be considered

The Council will not consider applications from:

- Political parties
- Individuals

In general, the Council invites grant applications for amounts between £100 and £1000, although requests outside of this band will be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Grant applications received will be considered and approved/declined by the Council's Grants Committee and will be subject to ratification by the full Council. Applicants will be advised of the Council's decision in respect of grant applications as soon as practicable following the relevant Council meeting. Funds are paid to the successful organisations by cheque and can only be used to fund the purpose(s) stated on the application. The Council reserves the right to request a report from successful applicants, with photographic evidence, if appropriate, showing how funds have been spent and detailing how benefits have been delivered. The Council also reserves the right to make such reports and/or photographs public, such as inclusion within the Council's quarterly newsletter and on the Council's website.

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